

I claim:

1 1. An apparatus for delivering a user-selected plurality of mixed data
2 files over a distributed network comprising:
3 a server coupled to said distributed network;
4 a client coupled to said distributed network;
5 a database for storing said plurality of data files communicating with said
6 server;
7 a mixer communicating with said database and server for mixing selected
8 ones of said plurality of data files together; and
9 a recorder communicating with said client for recording a user-created
10 data track, said client transferring said user-created data file to said server and
11 hence to said database.

1 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said server transfers a user-
2 selected mixed data file to said client comprised of at least two data files selected
3 by a user from said database.

1 3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said client replays said mixed
2 data file.

1 4. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said client stores said mixed data
2 file.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said data files processed by said
2 server, client, database, mixer and recorder process comprise audio data files.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said audio data files processed
2 by said server, client, database, mixer and recorder process comprise music data
3 files.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said music data files processed
2 by said server, client, database, mixer and recorder process comprise wav files.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said server and client compress
2 data files communicated with said network and uncompress files received from
3 said network.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said data files processed by said
2 server, client, database, mixer and recorder process further comprise associated
3 text data files.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said data files processed by said
2 server, client, database, mixer and recorder process further comprise associated
3 picture data files.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said data files stored on said
2 database include data fields for categories and subcategories of data files.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said categories and
2 subcategories of data files comprise categories and subcategories of music
3 styles.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said data files stored on said
2 database are characterized as a primary track data file or an accompaniment
3 track data file.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said mixer mixes into a single
2 data file one primary track data file with at least one accompaniment track data
3 file.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said mixer mixes a plurality of
2 accompaniment track data files with said primary track data files.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein at least one of said primary
2 track data file or said accompaniment track data file is user created.

1 21. The method of claim 17 where transferring said user-created data
2 file from client to said server, mixing selected ones of said plurality of data files
3 together and transferring said mixed plurality of data files from said server to said
4 client comprise transferring a user-created audio data file from said client to said
5 server, wherein said database has a plurality of audio files stored therein, mixing
6 selected ones of said plurality of audio data files together, and transferring said
7 mixed plurality of audio data files from said server to said client.

1 22. The method of claim 21 wherein transferring a user-created audio
2 data file from said client to said server, mixing selected ones of said plurality of
3 audio data files together, and transferring said mixed plurality of audio data files
4 from said server to said client comprise transferring a user-created music data
5 file from said client to said server, mixing selected ones of said plurality of music
6 data files together, and transferring said mixed plurality of music data files from
7 said server to said client.

1 23. The method of claim 22 wherein transferring a user-created music
2 data file from said client to said server, mixing selected ones of said plurality of
3 music data files together, and transferring said mixed plurality of music data files
4 from said server to said client comprise transferring a user-created wav data file
5 from said client to said server, mixing selected ones of said plurality of wav data
6 files together, and transferring said mixed plurality of wav data files from said
7 server to said client.

1 27. The method of claim 22 wherein transferring said user-created data
2 file from said client to a server on said distributed network and to a database
3 communicated with said server comprise transferring said user-created data files
4 with fields for categories and subcategories of data files.

1 28. The method of claim 27 wherein transferring said user-created data
2 files with fields comprise transferring said user-created data files with fields for
3 categories and subcategories of music styles.

1 29. The method of claim 22 wherein transferring a user-created music
2 data file from said client to said server comprises transferring said music data
3 files as a primary track data file or an accompaniment track data file.

1 30. The method of claim 29 further comprising mixing into a single data
2 file one primary track data file with at least one accompaniment track data file.

1 31. The method of claim 30 further comprising mixing a plurality of
2 accompaniment track data files with said primary track data files.

1 32. The method of claim 30 wherein recording a user-created data file
2 on a client records at least one of said primary track data files or said
3 accompaniment track data files.